

## Huntsville Community Theatre

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### Pulitzer Prize Winning Play to Open at HCT Summer Production added to HCT's Line-Up

They're funny, they're Southern, they're dysfunctional—and they'll be on Huntsville Community Theatre's stage on May 13th – 15th and May 20th – 23rd.

They are the McGrath sisters of Hazlehurst, Mississippi, stars of **Beth Henley's** Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy "**Crimes of the Heart**". Life isn't easy for the sisters—Lenny's horse is dead, Meg's singing career is dead and Babe's husband is near-dead (because she shot him!). But nothing—not meddling cousins, nor past and present lovers, nor a touch of mental illness—can keep these women down.

In the Southern tradition, these ladies deal with their pain by finding humor in the most unusual situations.

**Sarah Williams, Raven Garcia and Katie Butler** play Lenny, Meg and Babe. Rounding out the cast are **Jordan O'Hara Smith** as Chick Boyle, **Reggie Talley** as Doc Porter and **Dominic DeFelice** as Barnette Lloyd.

"*Crimes of the Heart*" is being directed by **Kandice Harris**; **Kevin Swanlund** is Stage Manager. Both Harris and Swanlund are SHSU Alumni. The production includes adult situations and language.

"*Crimes of the Heart*" finishes HCT's 2009 – 2010 regular season productions. A summer production of "***The Ant and the Grasshopper***" by Rob Dearborn, has been added to HCT's line-up. Directed by Velvia Keithley, "*The Ant and the Grasshopper*" is a show that puts a new spin on Aesop's classic fable about an industrious ant and his more laid back grasshopper neighbor. "The Ant and the Grasshopper" promises to be a wonderful opportunity to introduce Huntsville's young people to the world of the theatre arts. Auditions will be held on July 5 and 6, at Old Town Theatre. Performance dates are Aug 6 and 7.

**To reserve tickets** for "*Crimes of the Heart*" or for more information on any of Huntsville Community Theatre's events or productions, please call (936) 291-7933 or visit HCT's website at: [www.huntsvillecommunitytheatre.org](http://www.huntsvillecommunitytheatre.org). "*Crimes of the Heart*" will be performed at the J. Philip Gibbs, Jr. Centre for the Performing Arts (Old Town Theatre), located at 1023 12<sup>th</sup> St., in Huntsville; ticket prices are: Adult \$10, Seniors \$8 (65 and over), HS and College \$5 (with school ID).

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